

**Santa Clara Prize**  
Santa Clara, Calif. — (NC) — Richard M. Schmidt, assistant professor of English at the University of Santa Clara, has established an annual prize of \$50 in honor of Santa Clara's Father Edward Shipsey, S.J., to be presented to a Santa Clara student each year at Commencement Exercises.

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### Annual Pan American Mass Draws Top U.S. Diplomats

Washington — (NC) — Ambassadors from most of the American republics and many high-ranking U.S. officials attending the 45th annual Pan American Mass heard Auxiliary Bishop Henry T. Klonowski of Scranton praise the devotion of the Americas to Our Lady.

The Mass, offered annually on Thanksgiving Day to invoke God's continued blessings on the governments and peoples of North, Central and South America, was sung by Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington. His Excellency Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, presided.  
The scores of Latin American diplomats taking part included those accredited to the organization of American States and the Inter American Defense Board, as well as to the United States. The Cabinet and Supreme Court were represented, and a dozen members of Congress were among the prominent United States officials assisting at the Mass. Some 1200 persons were invited to the event, which traditionally fills the big St. Patrick's Church in the capital's downtown shopping district.

SEATED IN the sanctuary with a large number of Washington area priests were Auxiliary Bishop John M. McNamara of Washington and Bishop Bryan J. McEntegart, Rector of the Catholic

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### READY FOR CHRISTMAS



Ruffalo, N.Y.—This oil painting showing three altar boys getting ready for a Christmas service was done by Albion East, an artist here, who is using the illustration on his personal greeting cards. The cards are being printed by the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, N.Y. The painting shows two older youths helping a younger one get ready by combing his hair and sewing a top button on his cassock. In the background is a stained-glass window depicting the Nativity. (RNS Photo)

### Cardinal: 'Godly Nations Under Red Death Order'

Hartford, Conn. — (RNS) — His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman warned here that "every nation that puts its trust in God is under a death sentence from Communism."  
He said that Communist leaders have no intention of "co-existing peacefully with us" and they "mean to be our masters and then to crush knowledge of God and his moral law from the minds of our children."

CARDINAL Spellman spoke during a ceremony which he bestowed the pallium upon Archbishop Henry J. O'Brien of Hartford as the symbol of the latter's office. In September, 1953, the diocese of Hartford was elevated to a Metropolitan See by Pope Pius XII and Bishop O'Brien named archbishop of the province.

In his talk, Cardinal Spellman said the Catholic Church was suffering through a "campaign of persecution and vilification which has no parallel in history."

QUITTING FROM Scripture, the prelate continued, "The floods lift up their voices, the floods lift up their waves. The waves of the sea are mighty and rage horribly, but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier."  
Then he said: "Let those who so confidently proclaim Communism as the irresistible wave of the future think upon that — and let them also remember that if they insist on seeing Communism as a wave, then one insistent voice will reply that the Catholic Church is founded on a rock and against that rock many mighty waves have flung themselves in the past, only to be broken in an angry seething at its base."

Accidents in Homes  
Half of all home accidents are falls, and almost 50% of all fatal home injuries are the result of falls. The majority of fall victims are people over 65.

### Is This Socialism? Plan Gives States Control Of Federal Aid To Schools

New York — (NC) — If Federal funds were allotted to States for public education needs, and if these funds were based on the overall number of school-age children, the States would have to decide what education is private and what is public.

"This was said here by Beardsley Ruml, noted economist and head of the public education finance committee of the National Citizens Commission for Public Schools.

MR. RUMI made the statement at a press conference called to announce the release of the committee's report, "Financing Public Education in the Decade Ahead."

Speaking on Federal aid to schools, Mr. Ruml, originator of the pay-as-you-go income tax plan, said funds might be granted to States on the basis of so much money for every child of school-age (5 to 17 years).

Asked by an N.C.W.C. News Service reporter if this meant that private and parochial school pupils would be counted in the number used by the government

### Reds Seen Stifling Church In Slovakia

Vienna — (RNS) — All of the 331 Roman Catholic monasteries in Slovakia have been confiscated by the Communist government which also has closed down all of the Church's 1,900 elementary and 77 secondary schools in the province and taken over its 11 universities.

This was reported here by the Austrian Catholic Press Service in a survey of the Church situation in Slovakia.

Approximately half of the 4,000 members of religious orders attached to the monasteries and educational institutions are working at slave labor camps or in government-operated hospitals, the report said. It added that 350 priests affiliated with various orders have been concentrated in several monasteries, set aside for the purpose "where they are closely confined."

The Agency also said that 211 priests were presently in jail. Some 130 of the province's 1,243 parishes are entirely without pastoral service of any kind, the survey showed.

### Australia Catholics Get Tax Relief

Sydney, Australia — (NC) — Australian Catholic taxpayers will get substantial relief from a new tax policy implemented by the Federal government by which gifts for the acquisition, construction and maintenance of school or college buildings are regarded as allowable deductions for income tax purposes.

### God Love You!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN  
Bishop Fulton J. Sheen will appear on a special telecast on Sunday afternoon, December 19, at 2 p.m., E.S.T., over NBC-TV

We never send out a Christmas card, though we read Mass bring to you blessings, rather than paper. On the other hand thousands of people send us Christmas cards. May we ask that this year instead of a card, you send a dime (or what you would pay for a card) and ask that there be no letter sent in return, in order that the whole dime may be given to the poor of the world.

We are full of the prospect of what the lepers in the Fiji Islands, the hungry in Bombay, and the suffering in Korea and Vietnam will receive from the conversion of paper, which is made from rags, into clothing for people who live in rags. Do not disappoint us as the Blessed Mother was disappointed when full of expectancy she was certain that Bethlehem would offer her an Inn — only to have it turned to an out. We do not want anything for ourselves. We are the servants of the missionaries and the poor of the world. If you will just send to us the equivalent of what you would spend on paper to wrap gifts, then hungry children could be wrapped in clothes.

We beg this in the name of Him, who though rich became poor for our sakes, that through His poverty we might be rich. Our Christmas is already merry because we believe in Christ, the Son of God, but the Christmas of one billion, 500 million pagans is not merry because they have neither Mary nor Christ. May your angel inspire you to send this dime, or more, to us and we will send it to the Holy Father, the Vicar of the Babe of Bethlehem.

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Get out this column, with your sacrifice to it and send it to the Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 366 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, New York, or your Diocesan Director, Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester 4, New York.

Student Hosts  
Singapore — (NC) — High praise for the educational work of Jesuit missionaries was sounded by Sir John Nival, Governor of Singapore, at the formal opening of a hostel inaugurated last by the Jesuit Fathers for students at the local Teachers Training College.

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